

**Unapproved**

**SALEM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 20, 2009**

Present: R. Asafaylo, J. Fogarty, A. Krodel, R. McKenney, and R. Ross, First Selectman.

Guests: D. Bourdeau, Jr., G. Maiorano, P. Sielman, and A. Winakor

**CALL TO ORDER:**

R. Ross, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.

**AGENDA**

**1) Endorse a Supplemental Appropriation Request (current budget) for Public Works (sand & salt)**

D. Bourdeau, Jr., PW Director:

Due to the amount of snow removal required for this past winter season, the line for materials, sand and salt, is over by \$65,655.86.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance a supplemental appropriation to the 2008/2009 Budget in the amount of \$65,655.86 for sand and salt for snow removal. Vote: approved unanimously.

**2) Endorse a Supplemental Appropriation Request (current budget) for Fire Department (air packs)**

G. Maiorano, SVFC chief:

The \$75,000 placed in this year's Capital Budget for the SVFC Compressor and air packs has been expended.

The Town of Salem has always purchased the air packs yearly.

Due to FEMA pricing, a four (4) year supply, thirty-two (32) air packs, can now be purchased at reduced costs through two options (see attached to the filed copy of these minutes).

After discussions, it was the Board's consensus to have the Board of Finance decide which option they preferred and took the following action on the supplemental appropriation request:

M/S/C (McKenney/Asafaylo) that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance a supplemental appropriation to the 2008/2009 Budget in the amount of \$16,990 for Scott air packs. Vote: approved unanimously.

**3) Add an item to the Call of the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 6, 2009 (Multi-year Finance of air packs)**

M/S/C (McKenney/Fogarty) to add the following item to the call of the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009:

- Multi-year contract for Fire Department for equipment purchase (Self-Containing Breathing Apparatus)

Vote: approved unanimously.

It was the Board's consensus to move item *5. Our Town-Salem volunteer staff* to be heard before item *4. Discuss community information for the 09/10 Budget* on tonight's agenda.

**5) Our Town-Salem volunteer staff**

The Publisher and Layout/Design person of the newsletter have requested compensation in the amount of \$2,250 per year.

Board discussions:

The Our Town-Salem newsletter has always been a volunteer effort. It was started with seed money from the town, but advertising now keeps it going.

If the town appropriates monies to be used for the publication, Our Town-Salem becomes an official publication and the Town of Salem will be accountable for content.

The Board also discussed the possibility of a web-based newsletter.

**4) Discuss community information for the 09/10 Budget**

R. Ross, First Selectman stated that he had given The Day newspaper an interview through which he hopes to help people understand this year's budget.

The Board also discussed:

- Promoting participation in the Budget;
- Getting info out in regard to the budget; and
- The purchase of more "VOTE" signs and adding the town's web address to them.

M/S/C (Krodel/Fogarty) to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Recording Secretary

R. Ross, First Selectman

